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SUBJECT: W/W - MRS. JANICE BLUMENSHINE

1. IN ADDITION TO MR. GERSHON FEIGON ANOTHER AMERICAN IS PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED IN CANTON. USLO OFFICER LINCOLN CALLED AT CANTON MUNICIPAL FIRST PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL NOVEMBER 15 AND LEARNED THAT MRS. JANICE BLUMENSHINE, AGE 73, WAS ADMITTED NOVEMBER 13. SHE BROKE HER HIP IN A FREAK ACCIDENT WHILE BOARDING A BUS AT CANTON AIRPORT. SHE IS ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND, HAROLD J. BLUMENSHINE, WHO IS STAYING AT HOSPITAL WITH HER. MR. AND MRS. BLUMENSHINE WERE TRAVELING WITH US-PRC PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP, TOUR NUMBER 16. GROUP HAS ALREADY DEPARTED CANTON.

2. CHINESE DOCTORS PLAN TO OPERATE ON MRS. BLUMENSHINE, BUT SHE HAS DEVELOPED BRONCHITIS AND FEVER SO OPERATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. EXPECTED POST-OPERATIVE RECOVERY PERIOD IN CANTON IS THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. SHE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER, AND MR. BLUMENSHINE APPEARS CALM.

3. MR. BLUMENSHINE IS TAKING MEDICATION FOR A HYPERTENSION CONDITION. ONE OF DRUGS (GENERIC NAME: FUROSEM; COMMERCIAL NAME: LASIX) IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CHINA. HE
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HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPLY FOR 2-3 WEEKS BUT MAY REQUEST USLO OR CONGEN ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SUPPLY.

4. BLUMENSHINE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILL. LINCOLN EXPLAINED PROCEDURE FOR WIRING FUNDS TO BANK OF CHINA-CANTON THROUGH CORRESPONDENT BANK, BUT HE MAY NEED FURTHER EXPLANATION/ASSISTANCE.

5. BLUMENSHINE INDICATED FOR THE PRESENT HE DID NOT WANT TO NOTIFY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN US. LINCOLN ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO SO.

6. LINCOLN RECOMMENDS USLO CALL HOSPITAL DAILY RE BOTH PATIENTS. BOTH FEIGONS AND BLUMENSHINES CAN BE REACHED AT: CANTON MUNICIPAL FIRST PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL, TEL. 33090 "WAI BING DALOU, SI LOU." LINCOLN PROVIDED BLUMENSHINE WITH NAMES AND HOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR TKACIK AND HARNER IN USLO AND WEBB IN HONG KONG.
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